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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, show us enough of our real selves to expose our false pride and enough of Your grace to overcome our self-sufficiency. When we are tempted, fortify us with Your strength. Give us keen intellect to listen for Your voice in every difficulty. Be with us on the mountain peaks of success to remind us that You are the source of our talents and gifts and in the deep valleys of discouragement to help us receive Your courage to press on. You are our light. We were not meant to walk in darkness of fear or uncertainty. We trust You to use all of the victories and defeats of life to bring us closer to You.

Bless the women and men of this Senate that, laying aside the divisions of party spirit, they may be united in heart and mind to serve You together. May debate be a quest for greater truth and may the will simply to win arguments be replaced by the greater purpose of working together to discover and do what is best for our Nation. May a new team spirit overcome our separatism and may oneness in You make us loyal to one another as fellow Americans. In our Lord's name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, this morning there will be a period of morning business until the hour of 10 a.m., with Senator DASCHLE in control of the first 40 minutes and Senator COVERDELL in control of the remaining 20

minutes. At 10 a.m., the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1864, the Department of Defense appropriations bill. Amendments are expected to that appropriations bill. Therefore, all Senators can expect rollcalls throughout today's session. I anticipate that the Senate may be in session into the evening in order to make progress on the Defense appropriations bill. Senators should plan their schedules accordingly.

Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GREGG). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair would note that under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m. Under that order, 40 minutes shall be under the control of the Democratic leader and 20 minutes under the control of the Senator from Georgia.

THE MINIMUM WAGE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I am going to begin a brief discussion along with two of my colleagues who will appear shortly, Senator BREAU from Louisiana and Senator ROCKEFELLER from West Virginia, on what we have called the families-first agenda that we

developed to lay out what we think we would like to accomplish in the months ahead and also in this and the following Congress.

Before I do that, however, I wanted to share with my colleagues something that I will share at greater length at a later time.

Yesterday, we voted on the minimum wage. There has been a lot of discussion back and forth on the issue of the minimum wage, and the opposition to the minimum wage from some is that it will cost jobs; from others, that there ought not be a minimum wage.

There has been a lot of controversy about it. The Congress I think in its good judgment decided after about 7 years that another adjustment should be made; the last adjustment was made in the latter part of 1989. But we will still have some discussion about it because there needs to be a conference and, I expect, more debate in the Chamber about the minimum wage.

Last evening, I found something that I want to share with my colleagues which I think contributes to the debate some. It is a piece written by Edward Filene. Some will remember, especially in Massachusetts and others around the country, the name Filene because Filene is the name that is attached to department stores, Filene's Basement among others.

Edward Filene, September 1923, a businessman of some significance at that time, wrote the following. And this is only the last paragraph. I intend to share this at greater length with my colleagues at a different time.

"The Minimum Wage," Edward Filene says in 1923.

In this connection, I will call attention to a result which cannot be ignored—to the man who has produced the best commodity for the price of its kind in the world, produced in quantities never before dreamed of

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